

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification and the drawings to add FIG. 11, which provides support in the drawing for the limitations in claims 32-34 as required by the Action. Support for the new figure is provided by claims 32-34 and elsewhere in the specification, such as in paragraph 48.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 18 and has amended the objected to claims 7-12 and 19-24 to include all of the limitations of the rejected by the Action, as well as amending rejected claims to depend from the new independent claims. As such, Applicants submit claims 2-17 and 19-34 are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this Amendment or to the subject application in general, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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